

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Law Makers Transact Much  
Business in Regular  
December Session.

Members and officers present.  
The report relative to prisoners  
in November approved.  
The report relative to prisoners  
in November approved.  
The report of county agent home econ-  
omy for month of November approved.  
The report of county commissioner agri-  
culture for November approved.  
The report of county health officer for  
month of November approved.  
The report of county prosecuting at-  
torney for month of November approved.  
The report of Pascagoula ferryman for  
month of November filed and approved.  
The report of Randall ferryman for  
month of November filed and approved.  
The report of bridge commissioner for  
month of November filed and approved.  
The report of convict foreman for No-  
vember filed and approved.  
The report of supt. of education filed  
and approved.  
The report of circuit clerk relative to  
fees November filed.  
The report of cattle inspectors for  
month of November considered and  
approved.  
The report of road commissioners for  
month of November considered and  
approved.  
The report of engineer relative to con-  
struction of concrete highway consid-  
ered and approved.  
Committee appointed to negotiate  
the repair or sale of F. J. Johnson  
on Lake avenue.  
The report of sale of coupon tickets  
for Pascagoula ferry filed.  
The report of R. C. Ehrlich for new road  
dist. No. 4 dismissed.  
The report of J. W. Parker, road  
commissioner, approved, former sur-  
vivor.  
The report of T. G. Hibbler, notary  
public, approved.  
The report of appointing archi-  
tect for plans, etc., for the  
rebuilding and improvement of court  
house or the building of a new court  
house continued to next meeting.  
The report of down timber on Sec. 16  
of T. 2 S. 3 E. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

## TALK OF RETIRING FROM MISSISSIPPI

Fire Insurance Companies Stirred by  
Revenue Agent's  
Suit.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 16.—Represent-  
atives of 139 fire insurance companies  
who have been here the past week  
confering over the suit to collect  
damages instituted by Revenue Agent  
Stokes V. Robertson, left for New  
York this afternoon where the entire  
matter will be laid before heads of  
the fire insurance companies and a  
decision made as to whether or not the  
companies will retire from the state.  
Revenue Agent Robertson's suit al-  
leges a combination in restraint of  
trade exists among the companies and  
his suit for penalties, if successful,  
would mean judgment for the state  
against the companies of more than  
two billion dollars, the revenue agent's  
commissions alone amounting to more  
than \$400,000,000.  
The revenue agent has garnished  
all the funds in the hands of state  
agents or in banks to their credit of  
the companies to insure payment of  
judgments in event the suits are won,  
which have been set for trial in the  
courts of this county next month.  
Conferences were held in the office  
of the state insurance commissioner  
today who does not endorse the suits,  
he has announced, at which he at-  
tempted to persuade the companies to  
stay in the state but he says he has  
doubts whether he succeeded.  
Under the provisions of the fire in-  
surance policies issued in this state,  
the companies have the right to cancel  
policies and withdraw from the state  
on five days' written notice, and the  
general impression is that this will be  
done.

## BRIDGE CLUB MEETS.

The Two Table Bridge Club was  
charmingly entertained at the attractive  
home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kell on  
Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Kell  
entertained the club and a number of  
guests at auction. The rooms in  
which the four tables for the players  
were arranged were lovely in their  
yule tide decorations, southern snail  
and ivy interspersed with pine branches  
and holly forming the embellish-  
ment, and to further emphasize the  
spirit of the season a beautiful little  
Christmas tree all arranged in the  
bright and lovely Christmas decora-  
tions, stood just in the arch dividing  
the two rooms. Three games of  
auction were enjoyed, and the club  
prize, a beautiful crepe de chine cam-  
paign, was won by Miss Estelle Watkins,  
and the guests prize, a lovely basket  
of delicious candy, was won by Mrs.  
McVea Young. Following the games  
a delicious plate luncheon of valdort  
salad, sandwiches, crackers, pickles,  
peas and chocolate was served.  
Mrs. Kell was assisted in receiving  
her guests and in serving by her  
mother, Mrs. F. H. Lewis, Mrs. J. R.  
Watkins, and Miss Leona Nelson, who  
also kept the score. Miss Friedman  
also joined the guests later in the after-  
noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Reinecke arrived  
home Tuesday from an automobile  
tour of the whole country and are  
stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur  
Allen at the beach. They left Pascagoula  
early in April, proceeding to  
Florida and thence up the Atlantic  
coast to New York, then across along  
the great lakes and through the North-  
west to the Pacific coast, visiting  
nearly all the Western States. They  
reached Ruston, La., early this week  
and the roads becoming so bad, had  
their car shipped and came the re-  
mainder of the way by rail. The total  
mileage traversed was about 25,000.

A movement is on foot among busi-  
ness men of this city to establish  
a large woodworking factory here in  
connection with the vocational train-  
ing school of the government. Un-  
limited quantities of hardwood along  
the rivers and tributaries north of here  
would furnish the raw material, while  
the ex-soldiers in training here will  
supply ample labor.

Mr. Devere Dierks of Kansas City  
was in town the first of the week on  
business connected with the Dierks  
Blodgett Shipbuilding Co.

Mrs. E. B. Martin and three children  
spent this week in New Orleans with  
Mrs. M. A. Farnsworth and Miss Anne  
Farnsworth.

Mr. W. W. Vaughan, express agent  
at Montgomery, Ala., spent several  
days with his family this week.

Concrete is less than 3 inches.

Prohibition of building hard sur-  
faced road from Gautier to Ocean Springs,  
and from Pascagoula-Moss Point con-  
crete road to Alabama state line taken  
up with State Highway Department.  
Road Commissioner Supervisors  
Dist. No. 3 authorized to purchase con-  
crete form for constructing concrete  
culverts in said beat.

Road Commissioners urged to give  
special attention to draining roads be-  
fore water rains begin.

## XMAS PRESENT FOR THE KIDS

Five-Acre Play Ground to Be Improved  
to Give Impetus to Athletics  
in Schools.

Mayor Lewis has initiated a plan to  
make our kiddies of the public schools  
happy the coming year, and at the  
same time give a strong stimulus to  
athletics in the schools.  
Some months ago, at a time when  
the city was not in a position to issue  
bonds for needed grounds and addi-  
tional school building, a dozen enterpris-  
ing citizens arranged the funds and  
bought a five-acre tract on Pascagoula  
street and built a temporary school  
house to take care of the situation.  
Since then the city council has issued  
the necessary bonds and taken over  
the property, and are now fencing it,  
leveling the grounds, etc., the rear of  
which will be used as an athletic field  
for the schools of the city.  
The council is not authorized, nor  
has it the funds, to purchase all neces-  
sary equipment to make an up-to-date  
athletic field, such as the children are  
due. The mayor estimates it will re-  
quire approximately \$1,000 to do this,  
and selecting a list of fifty citizens,  
who have always responded to the de-  
mand for the city's progress and de-  
velopment, has addressed a letter to  
them, suggesting that \$10. from each  
of them would form a nucleus for the  
required fund and that other  
interested parties would make up the  
balance in subscriptions of one to five  
dollars.

Every school patron and friend of  
the city is therefore requested to send  
to Mr. Lewis such amount as they may  
feel they can donate to this most  
worthy cause.

Mr. Lewis advises us that the gentle-  
men to whom he has addressed the  
letter, are responding promptly—nearly  
all, with a note heartily endorsing  
the plan and purpose.

Following is the mayor's letter:

"Pascagoula, Miss., Dec. 8, 1920.

"Dear Sir:  
There is not a city or town on the  
Gulf coast, of any promise, or in the  
State, I might say, except Pascagoula,  
that has not a well equipped and well  
arranged play ground for the school  
children.

"The city has recently purchased  
about 5 acres of ground, corner of  
Pascagoula and Dupont streets, that  
gives ample room for a baseball  
diamond, two tennis and basket ball  
courts, football ground, etc. The lo-  
cation is ideal near the Central School  
and otherwise convenient, not only to  
the other schools, but the public. The  
city has built a small school house  
here for temporary purposes, to be the  
site of a modern building later on,  
and is now fencing and leveling the  
grounds and shaping it into an athletic  
field for the school children and pri-  
marily for the purpose of encouraging  
athletic sports.

"Unfortunately, the council, even if  
it had the authority to do so, has not  
funds sufficient to supply all the neces-  
sary equipment for a first class field  
and such as our boys and girls should  
have, not only for their own amuse-  
ment and exercise, but to entertain  
visiting school teams who come to  
contest with them for athletic honors.

"Now, the city will complete the  
fencing and level the grounds, and my  
suggestion is that the equipment, ar-  
rangement of the grounds, benches,  
etc., bath rooms and beautifying the  
grounds be furnished by the patrons  
and friends of the kiddies. Fifty good  
fellows at \$10 per will start the ball  
to rolling in equipping and completing  
the finest school park on the coast, and  
on behalf of our boys and girls I will  
personally guarantee when thus equip-  
ped, they will show their appreciation  
by kicking any bunch that comes this  
way seeking honors in the realms of  
sport.

"The good ladies of this town, as  
well as elsewhere, do practically all  
the church work, perform all the mis-  
sions of mercy and charity, etc., so let  
us fifty be good sports and relieve them  
of this one labor of love and duty and  
put it over for our boys and girls.

"If this suggestion appeals to you,  
as I know it will, send me your check  
for \$10 and I will deposit it to be ex-  
pended under supervision of a commit-  
tee selected from the fifty subscribers.

"A list of the 'Fifty Good Fellows'  
I have thus addressed is enclosed.

"Very truly yours,

"F. H. LEWIS."

Some of the endorsements sent in  
with subscriptions follow:  
"Always glad to help any project for  
betterment of city of Pascagoula.—H.  
ROSENBLUM."  
"Splendid idea, and we gladly co-  
operate.—PASCAGOULA NATIONAL  
BANK."  
"Believe this will be a fine thing and  
an asset to our city.—ALLRED  
GROCERY & GRAIN CO."  
"In reference to development of city  
school grounds, think your idea is a

## MEMORIES OF OLD PASCAGOULA.

By UNCLE MARTIN.

The Star of April 4, 1874, has the  
following: "A Local Chat—Our citi-  
zens generally, and of Moss Point  
particularly, are indebted to Mr. B. F.  
Pickett for a most excellent road  
from Scranton on to that place. As  
road overseer he discharged his duty  
thoroughly. We prophesy that the day  
is not far distant when the travel  
between the two localities will demand  
a horse railroad and Moss Point thus  
be brought within half an hour's ride  
of the depot. And if one existed now  
from the depot to the seashore we  
would find that Pascagoula as a sum-  
mer resort would be much more ex-  
tensively patronized. Our visitors  
complain of the hot, dirty ride they  
now have to take. And by the bye we  
have heard of a river road bridged; a  
shell road running from the depot  
along the bank of the river and thence  
out the bay road, would make a pleas-  
ant drive which would prove an at-  
traction to persons getting off the cars  
bound for 'the coast,' besides being a  
pleasant drive for home folks; and  
as it would much enhance the value  
of the property along the river, the  
real-estate owners there should start  
the ball in motion. We know one of  
them who will give one hundred dol-  
lars. Who say another hundred?"  
The Star of April 4, 1874 contains  
this note: "On a train of the New  
Orleans and Mobile R. R. last week  
we saw a sight which would have in-  
duced some of our up country, hunt-  
ing, friends to jump overboard—if they  
had his gun. Seemingly a black cloud  
rested upon the waters of a bay we  
were passing over, and as the train  
approached it rose and proved to be  
ducks, as thick as they could sit to-  
gether, and about the size—the flock—  
of a ten acre lot.

The Star of December 12, 1874,  
makes note of 'Some Turnips.—Mr.  
Krebs sends us a turnip weighing 6  
lbs. and measuring 22 inches around it,  
raised by Mr. B. H. Toomer on his  
Bayou Casotte place, and says that he  
had one of same lot weighing 14 1/2  
with top, measuring 24 inches. Mr.  
Toomer has about 14 of an acre of  
such turnips as these.

On November 28th, 1874, the Star  
prints this item: "All the girls are  
becoming vegetarians. They wear  
turn-up hats, and reddish noses and  
cherry lips."

About sunflowers, the Star of Oc-  
tober 10, 1874, has the following ac-  
count: "Sunflowers are rich in honey,  
and consequently good neighbors for  
bees. Oil, hardly to be distinguished  
from olive oil by any one but an ex-  
pert, may be extracted from the seeds,  
in the proportion of one gallon to one  
bushel. One acre will produce some-  
thing like fifty bushels of seeds. The  
seeds, too, make food not unpalatable  
for human beings and very good for  
animals and poultry. The Portuguese  
and American Indians make a kind of  
bread from them, and roasted they may  
be ground and used as a substitute for  
coffee. The stalks may be used as  
bean poles while growing. Dry, they  
make passable roofs for sheds and the  
like, and burn rapidly on the hearth.  
The ashes are very rich in potash.  
Altogether it is a very useful plant;  
and, to crown all, it has a reputation  
which the scientists have never dis-  
approved, for absorbing malaria, and  
acting as an effectual screen against  
that scourge of low-lying districts—  
fever and ague.

The Star of November 21, 1874, says:  
"A man cannot expect half a loaf when  
he loafs all the time." Again it says:  
"Where to go when short of money:  
Go to Work."

On December 12, 1874, the Star  
acknowledges a gift: Our friend Mrs.  
Walter Denny will please accept our  
thanks for a large basket of deli-  
cious sweet oranges."

Young Graham Hollister, son of Mr.  
and Mrs. Geo. Hollister, had the mis-  
fortune to get his arm broken while  
cranking an automobile in the early  
part of the week. Both bones in the  
right forearm were broken by the im-  
pact of the crank.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Tabor and daugh-  
ter, Miss Miss Lucile, returned Sunday  
evening from a pleasant week-end visit  
to New Orleans.

Mr. H. W. Wolcott, a former mer-  
chant of Pascagoula, but now in  
business at Pritchard, Ala., was a vis-  
itor here the latter part of last week.

capital one—E. J. FORD.

"Fine. It is needed, our children de-  
serve it, and if we do not carry out the  
plan we ought to be ashamed to look  
our kids in the face.—E. B. MARTIN."

"Am an old bachelor, but I am go-  
ing to stand by the kiddies—I was one  
myself once.—FRED TAYLOR."

"Good. Go to it! The problems of  
the future require not only education  
and morals, but strong men and women  
for their solution.—J. R. WATTS."

"I think this is a very good work  
indeed and hope all 'Good Fellows'  
will respond readily.—H. H. COLLE."

## MOSS POINT HAPPENINGS

Newsy Items From Our Sister City  
Gleaned by the Chronicle-Star  
Correspondent.

J. C. Howell transacted business in  
New Orleans Thursday.

Messrs. G. W. O'Neil, R. E. L.  
Morgan, H. B. Overstreet and C. M.  
Fairley were recent visitors to Mobile.  
Mrs. H. C. Herring and Mrs. W. B.  
Herring spent Friday of last week in  
Mobile.

Mrs. J. F. Carter and Mrs. F. A.  
Williams returned Sunday from a  
week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. Fritz  
Linehard in New Orleans.

Miss Louise Cowan, who returned  
recently from Mobile, is a guest of  
Miss Eran Dantzer in New Orleans  
this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Delmas and little  
daughter Clare, spent several days  
in New Orleans last week.

R. G. Borden was elected mayor of  
the city of Moss Point at the municipal  
election held Tuesday, by a majority  
of nine votes over his only opponent,  
George W. O'Neal, incumbent. W. G.  
Stewart was elected tax collector, re-  
ceiving 89 votes to his opponents, T.  
L. De Lashment, 79; and W. A. Myers  
was elected marshal over I. C. King  
by a large majority. These were the  
only officers having more than one  
candidate. Other officers elected were:  
W. P. Dailey, alderman at large;  
W. H. Grierson, alderman Ward 1;  
John F. P. Blumer, alderman Ward 2;  
J. F. Coley, alderman Ward 3;  
and C. M. Fairley, alderman Ward 4.  
Officers elected today will serve the  
city during the next two years, and  
with the exception of mayor and mar-  
shall are the same as have held office  
the last term.

Mrs. Lewis P. Herrin and children  
of Florenville, La., arrived Friday to  
spend the Xmas holidays with Mrs.  
Fred Herrin. They will be joined  
later by Mr. Herrin.

Mr. Lien Blumer, first engineer of  
the S. S. Nika is spending this week  
with his sister, Mrs. R. L. Head. Mrs.  
Blumer and little son, A. F., joined  
them here Thursday. The Nika,  
which was built at the Hodge Shipyard  
here, is laid up for repairs.

Mrs. Harry Brooks and Mrs. P. A.  
Noonan were Xmas shoppers to Mo-  
bile Tuesday.

Mrs. R. L. Head and Miss Ada Head  
spent Friday of last week in Mobile.  
Mrs. E. F. Turner, who spent several  
days in Mobile last week, was ac-  
companied home by her sister, Mrs.  
O. F. Smith and her aunt, Mrs. Tyler  
Turner of Mobile.

After a protracted visit of several  
weeks to her sister, Mrs. M. P. Hobdy,  
Miss Maggie Mosley returned to her  
home in Burntcorn, Ala., Wednes-  
day. She was accompanied as far as  
Mobile by Mrs. Hobdy.